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November 13, 2019

Hon. Paul G. Gardephe
United States District Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square
New York, New York 10007

Re: *United States v. Luis Vilella*
19-CR-789 (PGG)

Dear Judge Gardephe:

Luis Vilella, one of the defendants in this multi-defendant case, was arraigned last week before Magistrate Judge Gorenstein. He was released on bond. The Court has scheduled an initial status conference for Friday, November 15, 2019, a date when I will be in San Diego attending a death penalty conference. Lisa Scolari, who represents a co-defendant, who was arraigned at the same time as Mr. Vilella, has agreed to stand in for me at the status conference, subject to the Court's approval. I also discussed the matter with Mr. Vilella, and he is aware that Ms. Scolari will be available to stand in for me. I therefore respectfully request permission for Ms. Scolari to appear in my place at the November 15 status conference.

On behalf of Mr. Vilella, I consent to an exclusion of time between November 15 and the next status conference to allow me to review discovery and to engage in possible plea negotiations.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/


Florian Miedel
Attorney for Luis Vilella

Cc: AUSA Mathew Andrews

MEMO ENDORSED

The Application is granted.

SO ORDERED:


Paul G. Gardephe, U.S.D.J.

Dated: Nov. 13, 2019